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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1 32. (Unchanged) A method of performing an electronic transaction,
2 comprising:
3 receiving a short-term certificate from a user; and
4 sending the short-term certificate and an electronic record of the transaction to a
5 billing system for payment from a guarantor of the short-term certificate.

1 33. (Unchanged) The method of claim 32 wherein the short-term certificate
2 and the electronic record are sent only after submitting a query to a short-term database
3 using information in the short-term certificate and after receiving a response to the query
4 validating the short-term certificate.

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